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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CODEL SPARKMAN

1. FOLLOWING IS REVISED SCHEDULE FOR CODEL SPARKMAN. WE
HAVE NOT YET FIRMED UP THE ENTIRE PROGRAM, BUT EXPECT NO
SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURES FROM IT.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17
1430 ARRIVE TOCUMEN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. BRIEF STATEMENT (NO
PRESS CONFERENCE) ON TARMAC
1445 BEGIN HELICOPTER OVERFLIGHT OF THE CANAL ZONE. HELICOPTERS
WILL LEAVE FROM TOCUMEN.
1600 HELICOPTERS LAND AT QUARRY HEIGHTS, HQ SOUTHERN COMMAND,
FOR BRIEFINGS
1615 SOUTHERN COMMAND BRIFING
1715 PANAMA CANAL COMPANY/GOVERNMENT BRIEFING
1810 DEPART QUARRY HEIGHTS
1830 ARRIVE HOLIDAY INN
1950 LEAVE HOLIDAY INN FOR AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE
2000 DINNER WITH MEMBERS OF EMBASSY COUNTRY TEAM, HOSTED BY
AMB. AND MRS. JORDEN
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2230 RETURN TO HOTEL

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
0745 BREAKFAST WITH AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN RESIDENT IN PANAMA
AT HOLIDAY INN
0900 MEETINGS WITH PANAMANIAN OPPOSITION (PROBABLY INDEPENDENT
LAWYERS AND PANAMENISTAS)

1000 MEETINGS WITH CANAL ZONE RESIDENTS AND LABOR LEADERS
AT HOLIDAY INN
1100 PROGRAM BY PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING LUNCH AND
CONVERSATIONS WITH BRIG. GEN. OMAR TORRIJOS
1530 ARRIVE TOCUMEN AIRPORT. PRESS CONFERENCE AT AIRPORT
1630 DEPART TOCUMEN AIRPORT FOR WASHINGTON

2. WIVES SCHEDULE: AFTER ARRIVAL TUESDAY, WIVES WILL
LEAVE TOCUMEN AIRPORT BY AUTOMOBILE AND WILL HAVE SEPARATE
PROGRAM IN AFTERNOON THAT WILL INCLUDE BRIEFING AND TOUR
OF MIRAFLORES LOCKS. WIVES WILL BE INVITED TO AMBASSADOR'S
DINNER TUESDAY EVENING. ON WEDNESDAY, WIVES MAY, IF THEY
DESIRE, PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS WITH OPPOSITION AND CANAL
ZONE RESIDENTS, AND WILL BE INCLUDED IN PANAMANIAN GOVERN-
MENT PROGRAM BEGINNING AT 1100 HOURS. ESCORTS WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES IF DESIRED.

3. WE ARE CANCELLING VISIT TO BARRO COLORADO FOR SENATOR
AND MRS. PELL.
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